

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD MENANCE CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the bird menance is causing serious problem near several airports;
- (b) whether the bird hit is also the cause of several accidents in the past;
- (c) if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to keep the airports free from bird menance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Bird strikes to the aircraft are a matter of concern. However, the data for the last three years show a decline in the bird strike incidents which are as under:

1997	150
1998	136
1999	121

(b) and (c): No aircraft accident has taken place due to bird hit during the last 10 years.

(d) Surveys around the airports are carried out and appropriate measures are taken by the Airfield Environment Management Committees to check the sources of bird attraction. Besides, continuous efforts are made for scaring the birds and to remove the sources of bird attraction inside and outside the airfields.